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# Report Card

## Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP) Project Update

To keep you better informed and seek your opinion, the Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office will be sending you post card mailers every so often. Please read this report card, and if you have thoughts, comments or concerns, jot them down and send the card back to us.

**The Defense Department recently issued an order stopping the design of the chemical weapons processing portion of the PCAPP facility. In the meantime, a significant amount of other project work will begin soon. Here is a brief update:**

- *Changing the weapons disposal technology, neutralization followed by biotreatment, is not being considered.*
- The Defense Department directed the contractor, Bechtel National, Inc., to stop certain design tasks while studying ways to reduce size and cost. These studies and independent reviews should be complete by fall 2005. Bechtel staffing has been reduced to accommodate this more limited scope of work.
- The PCAPP facility is being constructed in stages. Stage 1 includes more than \$50 million worth of contracts for basic site preparation like roads, fencing, earthwork, underground utilities, temporary buildings, etc. *This work will continue and is slated to begin in January 2005.*
- Stage 2 design and construction includes supporting facilities such as a control room, warehouses, a laboratory, an entry control facility and aboveground utilities. *This work will continue and is scheduled to begin fall 2005, assuming that appropriate permits are in place.*
- Stage 3 is the design and construction of the main weapons destruction facility and includes the energetics (explosives) processing building, the chemical agent processing building and the biotreatment area. *This design work is on hold, while we examine ways to better control project size and cost without compromising safety and environmental protection.*

**For more information, call the Pueblo Chemical Depot Community Outreach Office at (719) 546-0400.**

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